

as separate entities, as they relate to specific areas of interest which are best administered under existing arrangements.

SUMMARY

If the Committee accepts the foregoing recommendations, we believe that it will be in a position to formulate a program which will ensure a broad insurance coverage for the residents of this province. We would commend the flexibility of these arrangements for your consideration and would advise that all members of the profession will support the implementation of these proposals.

GENERAL PRACTICE

1961 SEMINAR ON ALCOHOLISM FOR PHYSICIANS



A TWO-DAY seminar course for physicians, especially those in general practice or in public health work, is being planned under the joint auspices of the College of General Practice (Medicine) of Canada and the Alcoholism and Drug Addiction

Research Foundation. The seminar will be held at the Alcoholism and Drug Addiction Research Foundation, 24 Harbord Street, Toronto, on Friday and Saturday, November 24 and 25, 1961. Attendance at the course will be limited to 25.

Attendance at this seminar qualifies members of the College of General Practice for 12 hours of Category 1 studies. The Foundation would also be prepared to provide more prolonged periods of in-service training, for one or two physicians at a time, if this should be desired.

There will be four sessions of approximately three hours each, one such session each morning and afternoon of the two days.

At each session various members of the staff of the Addiction Research Foundation will make short presentations in the nature of working papers, to be followed by discussions. A part of one session will be in the nature of a tutorial session in which small groups of three or four will meet with a particular staff member for more intensive discussion of their areas of particular interest.

Among topics to be considered will be: the nature of the problem, with reference to social background, psychopathology, physiology, organic pathology, etc.; medical management, including acute phase treatment, continuing treatment and rehabilitation, group therapy. Special problems such as the alcoholic in industry, alcoholism and tuberculosis, and family problems, will also be dealt with.

Inquiries about enrolment should be directed to Dr. John D. Armstrong, Medical Director, Alcoholism and Drug Addiction Research Foundation, 24 Harbord Street, Toronto 5, Ontario.

OBITUARIES

DR. PERCY BLAKELY MACFARLANE

AN APPRECIATION

Percy Macfarlane passed to his reward on May 19, 1961. For almost half a century his outstanding service to his profession, to his community and to his fellow men earned for him a lasting place in the hearts and minds of a great circle of friends and associates. His passing will be deeply and widely mourned.

Percy was a Canadian pioneer in his chosen specialty of ophthalmology and otolaryngology. He was early in the field in his city of Hamilton and, with the passing of his friend and mentor, the late Dr. John P. Morton, he became the dean of the growing group of specialists in Hamilton in this branch of medicine. His services to his specialty and to medicine in general were of a high order and were widely recognized.

His capacity for friendship, and for loyalty to friend and associate, was great. To know him was to love him. His fine intellect, his high principles, his taste for cultural things, and his understanding of and love of human nature endeared him to all with whom he came in contact.

We shall not soon see his like again. His family mourns the loss of a loving husband and father. His professional associates have lost a valued consultant and a true friend. His community and his fellow men will miss his kindly personality and his great contributions to their welfare.

Robert Louis Stevenson, whose tribute to the medical profession is unsurpassed in the English language, undoubtedly had in mind the physician of the type of Percy Macfarlane when he wrote:

"There are men, and classes of men, that stand above the common run . . . the physician almost as a rule . . . And when this stage of man is over and done with, and only remembered to be marvelled at in history, he will be thought to have suffered as little as any from the defects of his period, and most notably exhibited the virtues of his race." W.J.D.

DR. MICHEL SEIGNEUR, 53, died at his home in Montreal, P.Q., on July 22. Dr. Seigneur had been president of the Jean Marie Vianney Hospital, St-Léonard de Port Maurice, and surgeon-in-chief of Notre Dame de la Merci and St-Charles Borromée hospitals.

He is survived by his widow and four daughters.

DR. ALBERT L. WAGNER, 68, former medical health officer in Elmira, Ont., died at his home on July 17. Dr. Wagner graduated in 1918 and opened his first and only practice the following year in Elmira. He practised there for 42 years. He had served overseas during World War II with the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps.

He is survived by his widow and one son.